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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST REPORT ON GARBA PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. FEB 12, AT OUR REQUEST, AMBASSADOR KANTE CAME IN TO AF/W. WE INFORMED HIM CONTENTS PARA THREE REFTEL. IN REPLY, KANTE REVIEWED MALI'S POSITION ON ANGOLA. HE STRESSED THAT NEITHER ANGOLA NOR AFRICA ARE UNDER OR WOULD COME UNDER RUSSIAN INFLUENCE. THE RUSSIANS AND CUBANS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT DEMANDED "PAYMENT" FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. HE BELIEVED THERE WAS A CHANCE OF COM-PROMISE BETWEEN THE THREE FACTIONS IN ANGOLA, BUT ONLY IF HOLDEN AND SAVIMBI WERE REPLACED.

2. KANTE SAID FRANCO-MALIAN ECONOMIC TALKS WENT WELL, BUT HE WAS OBVIOUSLY UNINFORMED ABOUT DETAILS.

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3. KANTE ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF U.S. MILITARY

ASSISTANCE TO MALI. WE REPLIED WE FORESAW NO CHANGES
IN OUR POLICY. KISSINGER

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